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Mr. Ray Hanley, Director
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Dear Mr. Hanley:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Arkansas Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0188.90.R1 has been approved effective July 1, 2001. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0188.90.R1.02 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, you submitted a request to allow all eligible recipients of an ICF/MR level of care that are currently residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) equal access to community based services.

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
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Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations